

Department of Human Resources & Civil Service

Promotional Exam Announcement Please Post Conspicuously

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Monroe County Department of Parks

P-72246 Park Supervisor

Application Fee: None

Examination Date: December 1, 2012

Application Deadline: November 1, 2012 – Applications must be submitted online or filed in our office by 5PM

or postmarked by this date

Who May Apply: Qualified employees of the Monroe County Department of Parks

Salary: \$35,452 - \$45,547 annually

Employment Opportunities: The Monroe County Department of Parks has one (1) position currently held by a

provisionally appointed employee, who may be appointed on a permanent basis if

found reachable on a civil service list established as a result of this exam.

The results of this exam may be used to fill vacancies, which may occur during the

life of the eligible list.

An open-competitive exam is also being offered for qualified applicants.

Minimum Qualifications:

Candidates must be permanently employed in the competitive class in the **Monroe County Department of Parks** and must have served continuously on a permanent basis for **twelve (12) months** holding the position of **Tree Supervisor or Horticulture Aide or twenty-four (24) months** in the non-competitive class holding the position of **Working Foreman**, immediately preceding the date of the written test.

Any person, otherwise meeting the requirements for an examination, who was laid off from an agency for which the examination is being held, and whose name is presently on a preferred list is eligible to compete in the examination. When completing the application, such person should be sure to indicate his/her present employment and/or the title and location of his/her last permanent employment in the municipality.

Description of Duties:

This is a senior level supervisory position in the Department of Parks responsible for supervising the repair and maintenance of park grounds, recreational areas, shelters and lodges in an assigned park within a large park system. Employees are on call twenty four (24) hours a day to respond to emergency calls and may be required to work in inclement weather. The employee works under general supervision from, and reports directly to, an administrative level staff member. Direct supervision is exercised over park maintenance crews.

Scope of Examination: A written test designed to evaluate knowledge, skills and /or abilities in the following areas:

1. Grounds maintenance, including turf, trees and shrubs

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in grounds maintenance and may include such areas as turf grass planting, fertilizing, and maintenance, tree and shrub selection, planting, transplanting, trimming and maintenance, snow and ice control and safe operating practices involved when performing grounds maintenance activities.

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2. Maintenance of buildings and equipment

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in the overall maintenance, construction, and upkeep of the typical structures, buildings, and equipment found in park facilities; and may include such areas as proper maintenance and repair of buildings, roadways, trails, flood control and drainage structures, minor mechanical and electrical systems maintenance, and safe operating practices.

3. Work scheduling

These questions test for knowledge of the principles for developing and implementing work plans and for the ability to arrange work assignments in a manner that will achieve work goals while staying within scheduling criteria. This may include setting up vacation or work schedules, taking into consideration such factors as seniority, work skills, duty hours and shift coverage.

4. Installation, maintenance, and repair of playing fields

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices involved in the installation, upkeep, maintenance and repair of athletic fields and playing fields, including such areas as typical field dimensions needed for various sports activities, and proper maintenance practices for playing field areas.

5. Supervision

These questions test for knowledge of the principles and practices employed in planning, organizing, and controlling the activities of a work unit toward predetermined objectives. The concepts covered, usually in a situational question format, include such topics as assigning and reviewing work; evaluating performance; maintaining work standards; motivating and developing subordinates; implementing procedural change; increasing efficiency; and dealing with problems of absenteeism, morale, and discipline.

Calculators and Reference Materials:

Most civil service written tests do not require the use of a calculator or slide rule. However, the use of calculators is **RECOMMENDED** for this exam. Candidates have the option of bringing a hand-held, quiet, battery or solar-powered arithmetic calculator or a slide rule to the test room. Candidates will not be permitted to use calculators containing spell check, dictionary, language translator, address or telephone book, personal digital assistants, or typewriter keyboard features, or any similar devices. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

This written examination is being prepared and rated in accordance with Section 23(2) of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations dealing with the preparation and rating of examinations, as well as establishment and certification of eligible lists for positions in the classified service will apply to this examination.

Applications:

If you are applying for more than one exam, a separate application is required for each exam. Applications may be obtained at the address or web-site indicated at the bottom of the first page of this announcement.

Candidates must record the Exam Number and Title on the Application.

Seniority:

Seniority points will be added to the score of every passing candidate at the rate of one (1) point for each appropriate five (5) year period for each year of continuous permanent service calculated to the date of original entry in the permanent classified service in accordance with the following schedule.

Less than 1 year	0 Points
1 year up to 6 years	
Over 6 years up to 11 years	
Over 11 years up to 16 years	
Over 16 years up to 21 years	4 Points
Over 21 years up to 26 years	

Seniority points will be calculated at the time of examination.

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Certifications and Appointments:

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be established in accordance with the final earned numerical rating of passing candidates regardless of residence.

Veteran's Credits:

Veterans entitled to and wishing to claim additional points must file in the Monroe County Department of Human Resources an Application for Veteran's Credits (VC-1) form, and a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Disabled veterans must also file two (2) copies of an Authorization for Veteran's Disability Record (VC-4) with Veterans Affairs. These forms are available at the Monroe County Department of Human Resources and must be filed within thirty (30) days of the examination date. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

Candidates currently on active duty may apply within thirty (30) days of the examination. Upon discharge, candidates must submit a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Any extra points will be applied upon our receipt of the discharge papers.

Active Military Members:

Special testing arrangements may be available to applicants who are active military members. For further information contact the Monroe County Department of Human Resources before submitting an application.

Special Arrangements for Examination:

If you need an alternate test date because you are a Religious Observer [for religious reasons, cannot be tested on date of examination(s)], if you have a disability that requires special accommodations for you to participate in an examination, or if you require any other kind of special accommodations, you must notify us at the address or telephone numbers listed on the front page of this announcement by the application deadline. Indicate your request on the front of your application for each exam, and under separate cover submit a statement outlining the reason for your request, the exam number(s) and title(s), and attach supporting documentation.

Multiple Exam Takers:

Persons also applying for examinations offered by the City of Rochester and/or New York State Civil Service Commission held on the same date must complete a crossfiler form, available from the Monroe County Department of Human Resources, which will provide for special arrangements. Arrangements must be made to take **ALL** examinations at **ONE** test site. Unless this form is filed with the Monroe County Department of Human Resources three (3) weeks prior to the exam date, we cannot ensure that such arrangements will be made. If you are taking multiple exams on the same date with Monroe County Civil Service Commission only, you do not have to file a cross-filer form.

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in <u>different</u> exam series will be allowed the specified length of time for each exam, up to a maximum of eight (8) hours. Example: If you are taking one (1) exam which allows six (6) hours and another exam in a different series which allows four (4) hours, you must complete both tests in eight (8) hours, but you can spend no more time on each exam than the time allotted for that exam.

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in the <u>same</u> exam series will be allowed up to the specified length of time for each exam. Example: If you are taking two (2) exams in the same series with a maximum time of five (5) hours for each exam, you can spend no more than five (5) hours to complete both exams.

Admission to Examination:

All applications will be reviewed after the "Closing Date for Filing" listed on the front page of this announcement. If there is a problem with your application, you will be notified in writing and given an opportunity to submit additional information to support your application. If there are no problems with your application, you will be sent an admission notice approximately one week before the exam date. If you have not received your admission notice to appear for the examination <u>three days</u> before the date of the exam, call the Monroe County Department of Human Resources at (585) 753-1700.

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